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DPW GAINS HEADWAY IN WEEKEND POTHOLE BLITZ

Warmer temperatures and hot mix availability aids in chuckhole assault

INDIANAPOLIS – The Department of Public Works (DPW) took advantage of this past Saturday's expected warm temperatures and the availability of hot mix patching materials to gain ground in a weekend blitz attack on potholes.

"Our street maintenance crews have been working hard to stay on top of potholes in Marion County," said Operations Administrator James Little. "Conditions last weekend provided an opportunity for us to make an extra effort and we wanted to take advantage of it."

Using hot mix material, DPW work crews concentrated efforts in the District 2 area bordered by 96th St. to the north, Washington St. to the south, Carroll Rd, to the east and College Ave. to the west. This area has the oldest resurfaced thoroughfares and experiences the most repair requests. Within 8 hours, DPW crews were able to complete about 150 service requests using approximately 86 tons of hot mix.

Now that asphalt plants have re-opened after the winter season, DPW street maintenance crews have begun using hot asphalt mix whenever possible when making repairs. Though hot mix must be used at warmer temperatures, the material is less expensive than the previously used cold mix material attributing to taxpayer savings. In addition, hot mix material allows for a much more permanent repair.

With the implementation of the new Chuckhole Kaizen Response, an improved method of addressing pothole repairs developed in partnership with Eli Lilly's Six Sigma program, DPW continues to work diligently to combat potholes across the city.

At about 6,957 reported requests to date, the city currently has about 3,000 less pothole complaints this year than at this same time in 2008.

To report a pothole online visit: <http://www.indy.gov/eGov/Mayor/Pages/Pothole.aspx>.

You may also call the Mayor's Action Center (MAC) at 327-4622 to report a pothole.

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